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Title: Regarding four laning of National Highway No. 5A.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Thank you, Sir, for giving me time to raise an important issue.

National Highway No.5A connects the road from Daitari to Paradip in Odisha. This is one of the important highways of the country from the view point of transportation of minerals to Paradip Port. The iron ore and coal-laden trucks that are running in large numbers from mining areas of Keonjhar and Jajpur to Paradip port have been creating severe traffic congestion thereby affecting the daily life of people of the adjoining districts of Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur and Keonjhar. Keeping in view the enormous traffic jams and increasing incidents of accidents, the Government has constituted a high-power Committee comprising of the Collectors of Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Keonjhar and Jajpur districts which has literally failed to address the problem. In my opinion, the better solution to this problem could only be achieved if the said highway is converted to four laning road.

In this regard, I urge upon the Government to initiate action for making the National Highway No.5A, which connects Daitari to Paradip, as a four laning road so as to check accidents and smooth transportation of minerals to Paradip Port.